**1A English. Creative Writing Unit.**

1. **Here are some techniques you can use to make your writing more effective.**

* specific nouns to describe places (eg *Leigh*), the scenery (*kowhai flowers, nikau plams*)
* fresh and interesting vocabulary (eg *pile* rather than *climb*, *wander* rather than *walk*)
* very detailed description to enable us to see the picture (eg Nana leaning on her broom , the children *hoarding around to hug her big waist*)
* short and long sentences - to create variety and emphasise some parts of the stories simplicity (*That was our stop.*)
* set the scene and then introduce the first person (narrator’s) voice.
* use some carefully planned repetition, either of words, phrases or symbols.

1. **Craft your writing**
2. Read over your writing and then use the techniques mentioned in task 1 as a checklist to edit it.

* What can you add to make your story more detailed and visual?
* Have you highlighted the *change* that happens on the journey? You need to make sure you have an idea that the journey conveys.
* Have you used strong topic sentences and effective links for each paragraph?
* Have you used appropriate and interesting language?
* Have you included specific detail?

1. Check all spelling. Use paragraphs and clear punctuation. Your work **must** be accurate.
2. Present your journey in published form. If you wish you can give your journey a title.